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Applicant: Clemente et al.) PATENT) Attorney Serial No. 09/146,248) Docket No.) ASC 110.0 Filed: September 3, 1998 2865/66576 For: EXTENDED RELEASE **ACETAMINOPHEN**) Group Art Unit: 1615 RECEIVED Examiner: Brian K. Seidleck APB 13,2000 **GROUP 1500**

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In further response to the Official Action mailed September 15, 1999 and pursuant to telephonic interviews with Examiner Seidleck on April 12 and 13, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 1, at claim line 5 (page line 6), after the word "USP", please insert the following --23/NF 18--.,

Please add new claim 18 as follows: